

# *Sangamon County LEPC*

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## **AGENDA**

January 17, 2008

8:30 AM

Office of the State Fire Marshal  
1035 Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (11/15/2007)

Recognition of LEPC members and visitors

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning  
Project

New Plans Completed

Completed Plans Updated

New Sites Visited

Department of Homeland Security "Chemical Security Assessment Tool"

Local Exercises

Other

New Business

Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2007

Filing of 2007 Tier 2 Forms During 2008

Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Other

Next meeting: March 20, 2008

Motion to adjourn

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## **MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY LEPC MEETING – January 17, 2008**

The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., at the State Fire Marshal's Office Conference Room, 1035 Aldai Stevenson Drive, Springfield IL 62703.

Members present included: David Butt, Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management; Tom Fraase Sangamon County Board; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Dept. (retired); Pat Metz, City Water, Light & Power (CWLP); Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Terry Nydegger, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Al Pinter, Springfield Police Department; Dick Rentschler, Rochester Fire Dept. and Dale Simpson, Springfield Fire Dept. (SFD).

Visitors present were: Mark Bridges, Springfield Police Department (SPD); Marla Martin, Darrin Hansing and Billy Ousley, National Weather Service - Central Illinois Office and Linda Wheeland, Springfield - Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

**Approval of the Minutes** - Minutes from the November 15, 2007, meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Dick Rentschler and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from November 15, 2007.

**Introductions** - Visitors were recognized and self-introductions were made. Dale Simpson was welcomed as a new member. The Chair told the committee that after 27 years with SFD, Kevin Switzer had retired on January 3. Dale is the new chief of the Fire Safety Div.

### **Old Business**

Emergency Coordinator's Report on the Site Specific Planning Project – Matt Helms reported that he has one new plan, Brandt Consolidated at Williamsville, and six revised plans, Verizon Wireless at Curran, Glenarm, Rochester and 3 Springfield sites (Dotmar, Koke Mill and West Washington) completed since the last meeting. He reported that 5 other Brandt facilities are being worked on and also Agriliance, in Curran. The Chair praised the work that Matt is doing and emphasized the risk associated with the Brandt facility at Williamsville, because Anhydrous Ammonia is stored adjacent to a residential area. A copy of this plan was circulated for the committee to see. Matt shared an interesting aspect about the work that he is doing in Curran where Verizon Wireless and Brandt are both covered by SFD and Agriliance, which is down the street (same side) from Verizon Wireless and directly across the street from Brandt, is covered by Chatham Fire Department. The mailing address for all 3 facilities is New Berlin which adds to the confusion for Curran businesses.

US DHS Chemical Security Assessment Tool – Pat Metz reported that on November 20, the US Department of Homeland Security (US DHS) hazardous chemical list was finalized in the Federal Register. There are about 300 chemicals in the list with threshold reporting quantities and the chemicals are divided into 4 groupings (called tiers) based on their security concern. Facilities which store any of these 300 chemicals above the respective threshold quantity have until January 22 to complete an 80-page questionnaire (called a Top Screen). CWLP is finalizing its Top Screen in the few days that are left. Mark Bridges asked several questions about this US DHS program so that he could report back to Springfield's Homeland Security Director on how it applies to the city. Pat's good knowledge on the topic and his regular briefings to the LEPC allowed us to address the concerns brought by Mark. The Chair asked Pat to continue to track this program and to provide further reports to the LEPC.

Exercises – Mike Moos gave an overview on a tabletop exercise that was conducted at Dominion Energy's Kincaid Power Plant on December 12, 2007. Mike facilitated this exercise as part of his IPEM recertification. A failure of the dam on Lake Sanchris during a flu pandemic was exercised. Several other LEPC members participated in the exercise as it was noted that the impact of such a dam failure would be felt along the South Fork in Sangamon County. A very good meal was provided at the conclusion of the exercise. The Chair noted that simultaneous to the exercise at Dominion Energy, both St. John's Hospital and Memorial Medical Center were conducting a flu pandemic exercise to test the surge capacities of their admitting and emergency departments. Our LEPC served as the connecting point between the hospitals and the power plant to have them both exercising with the same background scenario. Finally, Mark Bridges informed the committee that SPD is working in conjunction with Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport on a mass casualty exercise to be held May 6, 2008, involving a plane crash.

## **New Business**

2007 LEPC Summary Report – The Chair directed everyone's attention to the draft summary report of our 2007 LEPC activities that had been distributed with the agenda prior to the meeting. The contents of the report were characterized and the ending statistics were read directly from the report. Emphasis was made that Matt Helms drove nearly 3,000 miles during 2007 while doing the work of our LEPC. A motion was made by Dick Rentschler and seconded by Mike Moos to accept the summary report as provided and forward it to IEMA on behalf of the LEPC. There was no discussion to offer any changes or corrections to the report and the motion carried unanimously.

2007 Tier 2 Forms – The Chair indicated that we should again expect around 90 Tier 2 forms to be filed. The deadline is March 1. We already have received our first 2 Tier 2 forms this week.

Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan – Linda Wheeland presented information on a year-long project that Springfield - Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission began last fall to have a county-wide mitigation plan prepared through the cooperation of the county, 20 municipalities, state agencies, special taxing districts and private organizations. Several LEPC members are part of Linda's planning task force.

Other New Business – Mike Moos shared with the committee that the village of Sherman had received a vulnerability assessment kit through a grant from the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program. Sherman will be offering access to this kit to other municipalities and fire departments across the county who can participate in a 3-day training class.

**Meeting Closure** - The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., March 20, 2008, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. There being no further business, a motion was made by Al Pinter, seconded by Pat Metz and approved unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 10:00 a.m.